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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: CHARGED PARTICLE DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a National stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/EP00/05800 filed June 23, 2000; the above noted prior application is hereby incorporated by reference; the international application to which benefit is claimed was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

3. (Amended) The charged particle device (1) according to claim 1 wherein the drift region (26) reaching from the back surface (28) to the front surface (27) is positioned away from the geometrical center (40) of the mirror.
4. (Amended) The charged particle device (1) according to claim 1 further comprising a deflection unit (12C) for directing the charged particle beam essentially along the optical axis of